

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-70. Cancelled

~~1~~¹. (Previously Presented): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide consisting of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

~~2~~². (Previously Presented): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

~~3~~³. (Previously Presented): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising a peptide sequence at least 98% identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

~~4~~⁴. (Currently Amended): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide consisting of at least ~~40~~ 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a mammalian promoter or mammalian viral promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~76.~~ (Currently Amended): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide that comprises at least ~~40~~ 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein said nucleic acid sequence is operably linked to a mammalian promoter or mammalian viral promoter, and wherein the composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~79.~~ (Previously Presented): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide that comprises SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

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~~80.~~ (Currently Amended): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide that comprises at least ~~40~~ 500 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

~~81.~~ (Previously Presented): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

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~~82.~~ (Previously Presented): A composition containing a plasmid vector encoding a polypeptide comprising a peptide sequence at least 98% identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein when the composition is administered to a subject, the polypeptide is expressed and elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2).

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~~83.~~ (New): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 500 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2, wherein the

composition elicits an adaptive immune response against hTERT (SEQ. ID NO:2) when administered to a subject.

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~~94.~~ (New) A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising at least 500 contiguous amino acids of SEQ. ID NO:2.

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~~95.~~ (New): A composition containing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide sequence at least 98% identical to the 1132 residues of SEQ. ID NO:2.